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In response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2002, applicant hereby elects method claims 1-9.

ELECTION

The Official Action states "The application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: the species of Figs 5 and 6, and the species of Fig. 7." This is incorrect all claims in the application are generic. In any event applicant elects the species of Figs. 5 and 6.

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An action on the merits is requested.

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